

Project Newsletter

Iowa Public Health Tracking

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Project milestones:

- November 2012 -Data Warehouse System Replacement Project contract signed with Microsoft and Infusion
- November 2012 -Project kick-off at IDPH
- January 2013 -SharePoint 2013 installation
- February 2013 –Dashboard construction began
- July 2013 Testing of dashboards for functionality began
- September 2013 Portal demonstrations begin and Iowa Public Health Tracking Program is launched

Project Update and Planning

- ➤ The Advanced Data training will occur in two parts on Nov. 12th and Nov. 14th.
- > The Iowa Public Health Tracking team along with members from other bureaus is still working on a data management strategic plan.
- ➤ The Public Health Tracking team attended all of the state regional meetings to demo the tracking portal.
- Meg Harris presented at the University of Iowa Fall Public Health Colloquium. Tim Wickam and Rob Walker also led a break out session demonstrating the tracking portal.
- ➤ Previous users of the Data Warehouse are being moved over to the secure version of the tracking portal. New users can apply for secure access using the form in the "How Do I" section of the portal.
- To learn more about the Public Health Tracking Program and view project updates, visit our website at: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/dwh/Updates.aspx

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Public Health Tracking Portal Webinar

Public Health Tracking will be hosting a portal orientation via webinar. The training will introduce users to navigation of the lowa Public Health Tracking portal and focus on going through the user manual. The webinar will be held three different times to accommodate a variety of schedules. Each session will address the same topics, so participants only need to attend one. If you have specific questions you would like addressed during the webinar, please submit them in advance to EPHT@idph.iowa.gov.

First session:

Title: IPHT Portal Orientation

Date: Monday, November 4, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM -2:30 PM CST

Reserve your webinar seat now at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/656570665

Second session:

Title: IPHT Portal Orientation

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM CST

Reserve your webinar seat now at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/452863488

Third session:

Title: IPHT Portal Orientation

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CST

Reserve your webinar seat now at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/706202000

University of Iowa Fall Colloquium

On October 29, Meg Harris presented at the University of Iowa College of Public Health Fall Colloquium along with Tim Wickam and Rob Walker from the Environmental Public Health Tracking Team. The theme of the colloquium was "From Numbers to Outcomes: Data Resources for Public Health" and Meg gave presentations on the Public Health Tracking Portal and Integrating Data into Daily Practice. Tim and Rob expanded on the portal with a breakout session to teach participants how to use the site. The University of Iowa will be sharing all of the presentation slides from the colloquium at http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/umphtc.

Secure Portal Use

During the beginning of November users of the old Data Warehouse will be migrated over to the secure page of the Public Health Tracking Portal. Users will be notified when they have been switched over and can access the secure version of the portal. New applicants for secure access must submit an application providing personal contact information and explanation for why secure access is needed. The application can be found in the How Do I section of the portal (https://pht.idph.state.ia.us/howdoi/Pages/default.aspx) and submitted via email to epht@idph.iowa.gov or faxed to (515) 281-0488.

Can't Find the Data You Need?

The Public Health Tracking Portal is a great resource to access a variety of data; however, not all of the public health data owned by the Iowa Department of Public Health is housed in this system. Public health professionals and researchers have the ability to access this confidential data through either a research agreement or a data sharing agreement. Research agreements are used when investigators are requesting data for research purposes. A data sharing agreement, on the other hand, is applied when the requested data is used for public health planning and evaluation activities. The Public Health Tracking team is responsible for the management and execution of both agreements.

The team has also developed a dataset catalog to document what datasets are owned and available from Iowa Department of Public Health. The catalog includes information on the datasets including variables collected, years available, and legal authority for collection and use. For questions about data requests or to receive application materials, contact Meghan.Harris@idph.iowa.gov or RERC@idph.iowa.gov.